

Sauk River Bridge #414 Replacement



February 2005

OPEN HOUSE

6:30-8:30 p.m.
Tuesday
Feb. 15, 2005

Darrington Community
 Center Dining Room
 1085 Fir Street

Accommodations for persons with disabilities will be made on request. To make arrangements in advance, please call Wayne Lee at 425-388-3789. (TTY users call 425-388-3700.)

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 snohomish.wa.us and
 type "Roads Central" in
 the search box.

You Are Invited

Snohomish County Public Works invites you to attend an Open House on Tuesday, February 15 to learn about preliminary design plans to replace the Sauk River Bridge #414. The event will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in Darrington.

Representatives from the County and its consultants will display project designs, maps and other graphics, and discuss the project with residents.

Project Description

Bridge #414 crosses the Sauk River at Sauk Prairie Road, approximately one mile northeast of Darrington. The proposed \$12-million project will construct a replacement bridge parallel to the existing bridge. New approach roadways would be constructed at each end of the new structure as necessary to tie into the bridge. The existing bridge structure would be demolished and removed after the new bridge is complete. A recent analysis looked at alternative bridge designs, including a two-span steel plate girder, two-span steel truss and a two-span concrete cable stayed bridge as potential design options. A type, size and location study identified the two-span steel-truss as the preferred option.

Project Benefits

The existing, 522-foot-long Sauk River Bridge was built in 1929-30. The bridge has been determined to be structurally deficient and is classified as functionally obsolete. In addition, the existing concrete pier spread footings supporting the trusses are "scour critical," meaning that the potential scour depth lies below the existing piers. The bridge is nearing the end of its useful life and needs to be replaced. The span provides the only access for some 300 people in the Darrington-Sauk Prairie area. Replacing this structure is vital to maintaining safe access to the Darrington-Sauk Prairie area.

Construction Impacts

Traffic impacts should be minimal, since the new bridge will be completed before the existing bridge is demolished. However, area residents should expect temporary traffic delays associated with one-lane or temporary bridge closures. Emergency services access will be available at all times. Adjacent property owners would be impacted by construction noise and dust. Bridge replacement construction would also require in-stream work in the Sauk River, a designated Wild and Scenic River that provides habitat for Chinook salmon

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and bulltrout, fish species that are provided protection by the Endangered Species Act.

Project Timeline:

Feb. 2005 Newsletter and public meeting during SEPA DNS comment period
2005-2006 Obtain permits/approvals
August 2006 Newsletter prior to construction
Summer 2006 .. Construction begins
Fall 2008 Construction ends

Environmental Review of the Project

A SEPA Environmental Checklist has been prepared for this project. This document is available from Snohomish County Public Works (see address below) and describes the potential environmental impacts of the proposed bridge replacement. Comments concerning the environmental review must be submitted to Public Works by February 22, 2005.

Threshold Determination

The lead agency (Snohomish County Public Works) for this proposal has determined that it does not have a probable significant adverse impact on the environment. An Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is not required under RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c). This decision was made after review of a completed Environmental Checklist and other information on file with this agency. This information is available for public review on request.

The issuance of this DNS should not be interpreted as acceptance or approval of the subject proposals presented. Snohomish County reserves the right to deny or approve said proposal subject to conditions if it is determined to be in the best interests of the County and/or necessary to the general health, safety and welfare of the public to do so.

This DNS, along with the subsequent decision by the County to pursue the described action, may be appealed in the Superior Court of Snohomish County, at Everett, WA. A Notice of Action of the final decision by the

County to pursue or not pursue the described course of action will be mailed to you and published in the paper of record (*The Herald*) for two consecutive weeks. The notice of intent to commence a judicial appeal shall be filed, with a filing fee, with the clerk of the Superior court, 3000 Rockefeller Avenue, MS 605, Everett, WA 98201-4046, phone 425-388-3466, within 21 days following the last week of publication in the paper.

This DNS is issued under WAC 197-11-340(2); the lead agency will not act on this proposal for 14 days from the date below.

Comments concerning the environmental review are due February 22, 2005.

Comments may be sent to:
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